



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03495-0213-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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FLAMAND et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
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Application No.: 09/980,839 ) Examiner: Stucker, J.  
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Filed: December 7, 2001 )  
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For: EARLY DETECTION OF FLAVIVIRUS )  
USING THE NS1 GLYCOPROTEIN )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of November 20, 2003. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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